

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 28.6 | L 12.5 MYMENSINGH 27.3 | L 10.0 CHATTOGRAM 27.8 | L 14.1 SYLHET 28.3 | L 12.8 RAJSHAHI 25.9 | L 08.6 RANGPUR 26.2 | L 11.8 KHULNA 27.7 | L 11.5 BARISHAL 28.2 | L 09.7 COX'S BAZAR 28.5 | L 15.0

Light rain/showers is likely to occur at places over Cox's Bazar & Bandarban districts weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at

Ship-breaker fined Tk 2cr by DoE for flouting rules
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Department of Environment (DoE) in Chattogram has fined a ship-breaking company Tk 2 crore for breaking a ship - which was stranded for two years at Parki Beach of Anowara upazila in Chattogram -- without its clearance.

The company, Four Star Enterprise, was fined in a hearing at DoE Chattogram regional office on Sunday.

Bodrul Huda, assistant director of DoE Chattogram region, told The Daily Star that the ship, MV Crystal Gold, got stranded during cyclone Mora two years ago.

Four Star Enterprise started dismantling the ship recently by installing fences around the ship without DoE's clearance, he said, adding that the dismantling caused major damage to flora and fauna of the beach.

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TONNI MURDER IN HABIGANJ

Lone accused given death penalty

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday handed down death sentence to a youth for the 2016 murder of college student Tonni Ray in Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj.

Rezaul Karim, judge of Speedy Trial Tribunal in Sylhet, delivered the verdict against the lone accused, Ranu Ray, 25, from the same upazila, said Kishor Kumar Kar, special public prosecutor.

Tonni's father Bimal Ray expressed satisfaction over the verdict, saying, "I am pleased with the verdict and hope to see the death sentence carried out as soon as possible."

According to the case statement, Tonni, 18, was murdered on



A large flock of migratory birds in the sky above a small water-body in Chandipool area of Sylhet's Dakkhin Surma upazila, while some forage for food on the ground, inset. Locals say the birds come every year in large numbers and fill the air with their chirps and fluttering of wings all winter, but the number is decreasing due to hunting, food shortage and unfavourable environment. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Justice for Felani on hold

Eight years ago, the poor Felani Khatun, a 15-year-old girl, was crossing the Indian border to come back home to Kurigram. But a bullet from Indian Border Security Force (BSF) put a stop to her life. The girl's father, Nur

JAN 7, 2011
BSF shoots Felani dead

JAN 7, 2011
BSF files a case with Dinhata Police Station in Cooch Bihar district (West Bengal) accusing constable Amiya Ghosh of murder

AUG 13, 2013
Trial begins at General Security Force Court in 181 BSF Battalion headquarters, prosecution represents family of victim

SEPT 6, 2013
Court acquits Amiya Ghosh

SEPT 27, 2013
Bangladesh National Woman Lawyers Association (BNWLA) Executive Director Salma Ali files a writ petition with Indian Supreme Court seeking a fair trial and compensation

SEPT 22, 2014
Indian rights body Manabadihikar

Islam, who was accompanying her, had got on the other side of the border just a few minutes before. When she was on top of the barbed wire fence, she was shot. Her body kept hanging from the fence, and the photo of the scene

created furore and raised a media outcry. A special court in India tried the accused, BSF jawan Amiya Ghosh, twice. Both times, he was acquitted. Here is a chronicle of the incidents involving the killing.

The same court starts a revision trial JULY 2, 2015
Amiya Ghosh acquitted for a second time JULY 26, 2015
Indian rights body Manabadihikar

Surokha Mancha (MASUM) files a writ petition with Indian Supreme Court seeking fair investigation OCT 25, 2017
Indian Supreme Court decides to hear both



Police find bodies of two children in Konapara house
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police found bodies of two children under a bed of a house in Konapara, Dhaka yesterday night.

Victims Nusrat and Faria Akhtar Dola, both around five years old, were missing since yesterday noon, said Senior Assistant Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police's Demra zone, Iftekharul Islam.

On information from locals at 9:45pm yesterday, police recovered the bodies from a rented house of one Mustafa.

Mustafa is on the run, Iftekharul said. Police is suspecting murder and has detained Mustafa's wife, he added.

SC upholds HC verdict on NDM's registration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court verdict that directed the Election Commission (EC) to register Nationalist Democratic Movement (NDM) led by Bobby Hajjaj as a political party.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, passed the order, dismissing a leave-to-appeal filed by the EC challenging the HC verdict.

The EC has to register NDM as a political party in 15 days following the apex court's order, Barrister Rasheda Imam, a lawyer for Bobby Hajjaj, told The Daily Star.

Following a writ petition filed by Hajjaj, the HC on October 21 last year directed the EC to register NDM as a political party within 15 days.

Later, the EC filed a leave-to-appeal with the SC challenging the verdict.

The EC on June 11 last year rejected an application to register NDM as a political party, saying that the party's constitution was not amended with due process.

But the EC did not say anything in its letter how the constitution should be amended, Barrister Rasheda added.

Barrister Akhtar Imam appeared for Bobby Hajjaj, while Advocate Obaidul Rahman Mostafa represented the EC.

10 injured in clash over cable TV business

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

At least 10 people were injured in a clash over the control of a cable TV business in Notunbazar area of Sreepur municipality yesterday evening.

Locals said there has been ongoing rivalry between Sirajul Islam and Haji Jamal Uddin over the control of the cable TV business. Last evening, the rival groups locked in clash with knives and sticks.

Abul Kalam Bhuyan, officer-in-charge of Sreepur Police Station, said police rushed to the spot upon hearing of the clash and brought the situation under control.



A three-wheeler running on gas in Barishal city yesterday. A few hundred of these vehicles are on the city streets using gas cylinders meant for household use. While cylinder explosion often happens at home due to unsafe use, it is anybody's guess how risky it is for motor vehicles.

Girl found dead, hours after filing rape case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

An 18-year-old girl was found dead in her house yesterday morning in Ashulia's Berun area, hours after she filed a case against one of her co-workers and three others for raping her.

The victim lived with her parents in a rented house in Ashulia's Jamgara area, and worked at a local garment factory.

The victim's father alleged that his daughter was returning from her workplace in Berun area around 9pm on January 5, when her co-worker Rahim and three others abducted her. They forcibly took her to an unknown place where they raped her that night.

"After my daughter was picked up, over phone they had demanded Tk 50,000 as ransom from us, saying my daughter was kidnapped," said the victim's father, adding that on that night around 2am, the girl was found unconscious by the side of the road beside their house.

"As my daughter disclosed the matter to us after gaining consciousness the next morning, we rushed to Ashulia Police Station and informed the matter to police. My daughter filed a rape case against Rahim, Ripon and Shipon and one other unnamed man on Sunday evening," said the victim's father.

"On Sunday night, my daughter was feeling unwell, and went to sleep in her room. In the morning, we found her in bed unconscious, and we took her to a local hospital, where the doctor declared her dead," he said.

Hospital sources also said the girl was brought dead.

Police later sent the body to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

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Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four-year-old Rafika Akter has been suffering from blood cancer since May 2018. She is undergoing treatment at Paediatric Hematology and Oncology department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

Rafika's father Rafiqul Islam, a day labourer, has already sold all his assets to meet treatment costs, but it has not been enough.

The family is seeking financial assistance from the well-off. Financial aid can be sent to Md Rafiqul Islam, Account No: 710112100001881, Meghna Bank Limited, Shathibari Branch; or bkash A/c: 01751446027.

'Gunfight between two groups' leaves one dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man, accused in 14 cases, was killed in a "shootout between two groups of criminals" yesterday evening in Chattogram.

The incident took place in Rahmatpur union of Sandwip upazila and the deceased was identified as Mohammad Youssuf alias Kala Monir, 35, said Inspector (Investigation) Abdul Halim of Sandwip Police Station.

The inspector also said the gunfight between two groups of accomplices of Taher alias Koitta Taher and Monir -- took place around 5:30pm on flood protection embankment in Ward 1 of Rahmatpur union, some 20 kilometres away from the police station.

"Locals heard the gunshots and informed the police about the incident. After police reached the spot, Monir's bullet-hit body was found," he said, adding that a single-barrel gun, a light gun and five cartridges were recovered from the spot.

An investigation is underway," Inspector Halim also said.

Earlier, on October 25 last year, police seized a huge cache of firearms along with firearms parts and components after busting an arms factory at Monir's house. They also arrested two individuals including his wife Hiramoni Akhtar Hira during the raid.

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